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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS' AND ALTERNATES' SALARIES

REF: (A) STATE 132801; (B) STATE 135471

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED U.S. POSITION (REF A), JUNE 24 TO
GOA OFFICIALS IN FINANCE MINISTRY AND ALSO AUSTRIAN NA-
TIONAL BANK (ANB). IN BOTH CASES, WE WERE INFORMED
THAT AUSTRIANS HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN FAVOR OF PROPOSED
COMPENSATION INCREASES OUTLINED REF A. FINANCE
MINISTER DID SO IN BALLOT SENT EARLY LAST WEEK TO
WORLD BANK, AND ANB PRESIDENT ALSO SUBMITTED HIS
APPROVAL TO IMF LAST WEEK.

2. IN ANH CA E, WE LEFT WRITTEN SUMMARY OF U.S. PO-
SITION WITH BOTH FINANCE MINISTRY AND ANB AND STRESSED
PARTICULARLY U.S. VIEW THAT INCREASES ARE UNWARRANTED,
INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF GENERAL EFFORTS TO CONTAIN
INFLATION, AND THAT INCREASES OF THIS KIND CREATE
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PROBLEMS RE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR U.S.

FUNDING OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS. WE WERE INFORMED THAT STRONG U.S. VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT HAD ALREADY BEEN FULLY REPORTED BY AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, BUT THAT AUSTRIANS FELT INCREASES WERE JUSTIFIED DUE TO COSTS OF LIVING IN WASHINGTON AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO NEEDS FOR SCHOOLING THERE, ETC.

3. WE WERE ASSURED THAT U.S. VIEWS WILL BE BROUGHT PROMPTLY TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT KLOSS OF ANB AND SEKTIONSCHEF NEUDOERFER IN FINANCE MINISTRY. WE WERE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS EXCEEDINGLY UNLIKELY THAT GOA POSITION CAN BE REVERSED. HUMES

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